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STATUS OF GREEK GUERRILLAS IN ALBANIA

It is a well known fact that most of the so-called Greek partisans fled to Albania, where they were sent to various camps throughout the country. These men now seem to have lost faith in the Red heaven, and they have become suspect by Albanian authorities, who feel they are showing signs of disgust and despair. The Greeks are very poorly treated. In one camp in the Gusinye area on the Rogashima road, 500 men and 30 women are forced to work all day without pay, with only rags for clothing and small rations of poor food.

Incidents of flight are increasing to such a degree that Hoxha has been forced to take measures through the police to prevent them from escaping. Now, partisans who are used as farm laborers are accompanied by police detachments, and they are kept under strict police surveillance, even while in the camps. Flight in itself is very difficult. Internal movement is almost impossible; transport has broken down and is very primitive; cars are monopolized by administrative officials and party members. A person wanting to go from one village to another must first get a permit, then apply to a ticket agent for a ticket. If he gets the ticket, he must wait for days to get a seat on a public transportation vehicle. Kulaks and "enemies of the nation" have no right to use public transportation and must always travel on foot. Even if they have a travel permit, the police stop them frequently en route.

There are two belts of militia and border guards along the border. Escape is made even more difficult by the existence of a network of informers who receive a reward for each escapee delivered to the police.

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